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Detailed Description Text - DETX (51):

A Control Point (CP) includes a System Processor that is connected to each of the configuration. The system processor at the CP, among other things, provides initialization and configuration services to the chip. The CP may be located in any of three locations: in the interface device chip; on

**the blade
on which the chip is mounted or external to the blade. If external
to the
blade, the CP may be remote; that is, housed elsewhere and
communicating by the
network to which the interface device and CP are attached. The
elements of a
CP are shown in FIG. 17 and include memory elements (cache,
flash and SDRAM), a
memory controller, a PCI bus, and connectors for a backplane and
for L1 network
media.**

Detailed Description Text - DETX (60):

**One Interface device in the system is connected to the system processor via
one of up to ten 10/100 Mbps Fast Ethernet ports or a single 1000
Mbps Ethernet
port. The Ethernet configuration to the system processor is
placed in an
EEPROM attached to the Interface device and loaded during
initialization. The
system processor communicates with all Interface devices in a
system (see FIG.
2), by building special Guided Frames encapsulated, for example,
as ethernet
frames or other media interfaces. The encapsulated Guided
Frames are forwarded
across the DASL link to other devices allowing all of the Interface
devices in
the system to be controlled from a single point.**

Claims Text - CLTX (8):

8. Apparatus comprising: a memory system including SRAM

modules and DRAM
modules; said DRAM modules being responsive to a configuration
signal that
places said DRAM modules in a first mode of operation in which
multiple
consecutive Read or Write operations can be executed on banks
within said DRAMs
in a single access cycle or in a second mode of operation in which
Read, and
Write operations can be executed on selected banks within said
DRAMs within an
access cycle; a plurality of processors programmed to generate,
among other
things, the configuration signal, memory request signals and
perform other
tasks; and a network operatively coupling the plurality of
processors to the
memory system so that each processor in the plurality of
processors has access
to the SRAM modules and DRAM modules in said memory system.